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## MEN BETWEEN 21 AND 31 SLATED TO ENROLL SOON

Will Be Obligated to Register Within Next Three Weeks for Service, Is Outlook.

### WAR DEPARTMENT READY

Machinery Oiled to Grind Out First Draft of 500,000—Officers Will Be in Charge.

Every man in the country between the ages of 21 and 31 will be obliged to enroll for military service within the next three weeks. This was indicated at the War Department yesterday, following agreement by the House and Senate conferees on the selective conscription bill.

The machinery was ready to start grinding on the draft army of 500,000 which will be brought to the colors by the new law. Final detailed arrangements had been completed to start the gears whirling the moment President Wilson signs the bill and says the word.

It was announced yesterday that the date for registration had not yet been determined upon, but that President Wilson was expected to set it within a week or ten days of the signing of the bill. The President himself will select the date for the first registration. He will make it public in an executive proclamation calling upon the men between the ages mentioned to submit themselves for enrollment and examination at certain places already chosen by the War Department.

Officers to Preside.

The election machinery of the government has been called into service for the registration. Registration booths will be established in each village, town, hamlet and city election districts. Officers of the War Department will be in general charge and will pass on the exemptions which will be allowed.

It was made plain yesterday that there will be no effort by the War Department to limit the first 500,000 selective conscripts to the younger of the registered men. The law is construed by the department experts to prohibit this specifically. In other words, the 500,000 will include not alone men of 21 and 22, but

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## ALLIES NIBBLE AT FOE'S LINES

Local Gains Registered by British and French—Five Teuton Aeros Fall.

(By the International News Service.) London, May 10.—Once more the great battle in the west has resolved itself temporarily to a nibbling process on the part of the French and British and incessant counter attacks on the part of the Germans. The latter still hold French villages, retaken by them two days ago from the Canadians, while in and around Bulcourt fighting is continuous with constantly alternating fortunes.

Local gains were registered by both the British and French today. Gen. Neville's troops captured a fortified point of support near the Chemin des Dames, fronting Laon, their chief objective. They added to their gains to the southeast, on the northern slopes of the Vaucouleurs Plateau, taking prisoners belonging to a fresh Teuton division.

Five German airplanes previously reported seriously damaged were actually brought down, the French war office announced today. Two additional Teuton airplanes were sent crashing to earth in flames. German counter attacks at various points on the Aisne and Champagne fronts were of no avail.

Sir Douglas Haig reported today further progress by his troops near Bulcourt and added that "costly efforts of the enemy to shake our hold on his positions" were fruitless. South of the Souchez the British cut a new piece out of the German front line, while they also advanced their lines to the east of Gricourt.

## British Mission Leaves For New York City Today

Members of the British mission to the United States, headed by the Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, will leave Washington today for New York, where they will join the French mission.

Plans for the departure of the Englishmen were completed last night. They are to travel on a special train, arriving in New York during the afternoon. Their route and the time of departure from this city and arrival in New York have not been made public.

Several members of the commission, including Lord Eustice Percy, will remain in Washington for the present to continue negotiations with the monthly statement here concerning ocean transportation and food matters.

## DENY PLOT AGAINST KAISER

The Haig, May 10.—Official denial of an attempt to assassinate the Kaiser was made in Berlin today, says a dispatch from that city.

The report emanated in Zurich and was telegraphed thence to Rome and Paris.

## MORE ORDERS FOR U. S. STEEL

New York, May 9.—The United States Steel Corporation in its monthly statement, issued today, reports unfilled orders on its books as of April 30 last of 12,182,083 tons, compared with 11,711,644 tons on March 31 last, and with 9,829,561 tons on April 29, 1916.

## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

The Washington Herald is printing daily notices of births, marriages, and deaths among the people of Washington.

## "I Love You," Says Girl; And Joffre Says Ditto

New York, May 10.—"I love you," said little Virginia Beatrice Steel to Marshal Joffre as a big policeman held her up so that she could present the bouquet of iris that a public school had sent to the French visitors.

"I love you, too," replied the French hero as he kissed the little tot.

## GOUGHAN FETES FRENCH ENVOYS

Joffre Cheered in Crowded Metropolitan Opera House. Busy Day.

(By the International News Service.) New York, May 10.—Marshal Joffre, hero of the Marne, decided at the last moment that he would not disappoint New Yorkers who had crowded the Metropolitan Opera House to greet the French war commission tonight. The old warrior went to the opera house alone. He came into the big playhouse just as Paderewski was playing.

The vast audience rose en masse as the hero appeared. Cheers after cheers resounded from the throats of the thousands who had previously been disappointed by the announcement the "stars" were not to appear.

No prima donna ever made a more spectacular entrance than did Joffre. The crowd immediately called upon him for a speech.

"Joffre! Joffre! Speech! Speech!" it yelled time and time again. The war hero responded to the plaudits of the crowd. He made a short speech in French. His words could hardly be heard, so great was the applause that swept from tier to tier.

## Joffre Check Postponed

The big check—the Joffre check—which was to have been given to the French hero was not presented tonight. It will be given to him later.

From the public library reception in the afternoon the French war commission went to the Frick home for the night.

It was a day crowded with eventful happenings. It seemed to those who lived in it that the whole life of the city pulsed about the sturdy old marshal of France.

A throng of 50,000 surged about the tomb of Gen. Grant while Joffre placed a wreath on the bier of the great commander of the civil war.

Thousands of others watched him decorate the Cupola Joan of Arc on Riverside Drive.

## Jam University Campuses

Fifty thousand more persons jammed the campus and library steps of Columbia University and took part in the conferring of honorary degree upon Joffre, M. Viviani and two members of the British war commission.

Seventy thousand persons cheered when the marshal was presented with a replica of the Statue of Liberty in Central Park.

Fifty thousand more watched the French hero unveil a statue of Lafayette in Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

More than 2,000 of the most prominent men of business and commerce in the city were at the Merchants Association luncheon, sang the Marseillaise in his honor, would not be satisfied until they heard the music of his voice.

And the afternoon wound up with a reception by the French residents of New York at the Public Library, where the hero met a group of his former soldiers.

## W. J. AND FORD IN PLOT TRIAL

Attorney Intimates that Two Peace Apostles Were to Have Been Indicted.

(By the International News Service.) New York, May 10.—Sensations were rapid today in the trial of Capt. Franz von Rintelen and his co-defendants on charges of conspiracy.

First Judge Cushman dismissed the indictment against Frank S. Monett, former attorney general of Ohio, because of lack of evidence against him.

Von Rintelen's counsel, Albert Massey, then told the court that his client would not put in a direct defense. He said: "The defendant, Rintelen, does not wish to contest the government's case, but he has done in the cross-examination and will do in the summing up."

The defense of David Lamar, "Wolf of Wall Street," then began. His counsel called Monett to the stand.

"If you understand or hear that William Jennings Bryan and Henry Ford were to have been included in the indictments of this case," Attorney M. Martin Dolphin said.

"Before the witness could answer, the government prosecutors objected. They were sustained, and the question was stricken from the record."

## CREW FACES STARVATION

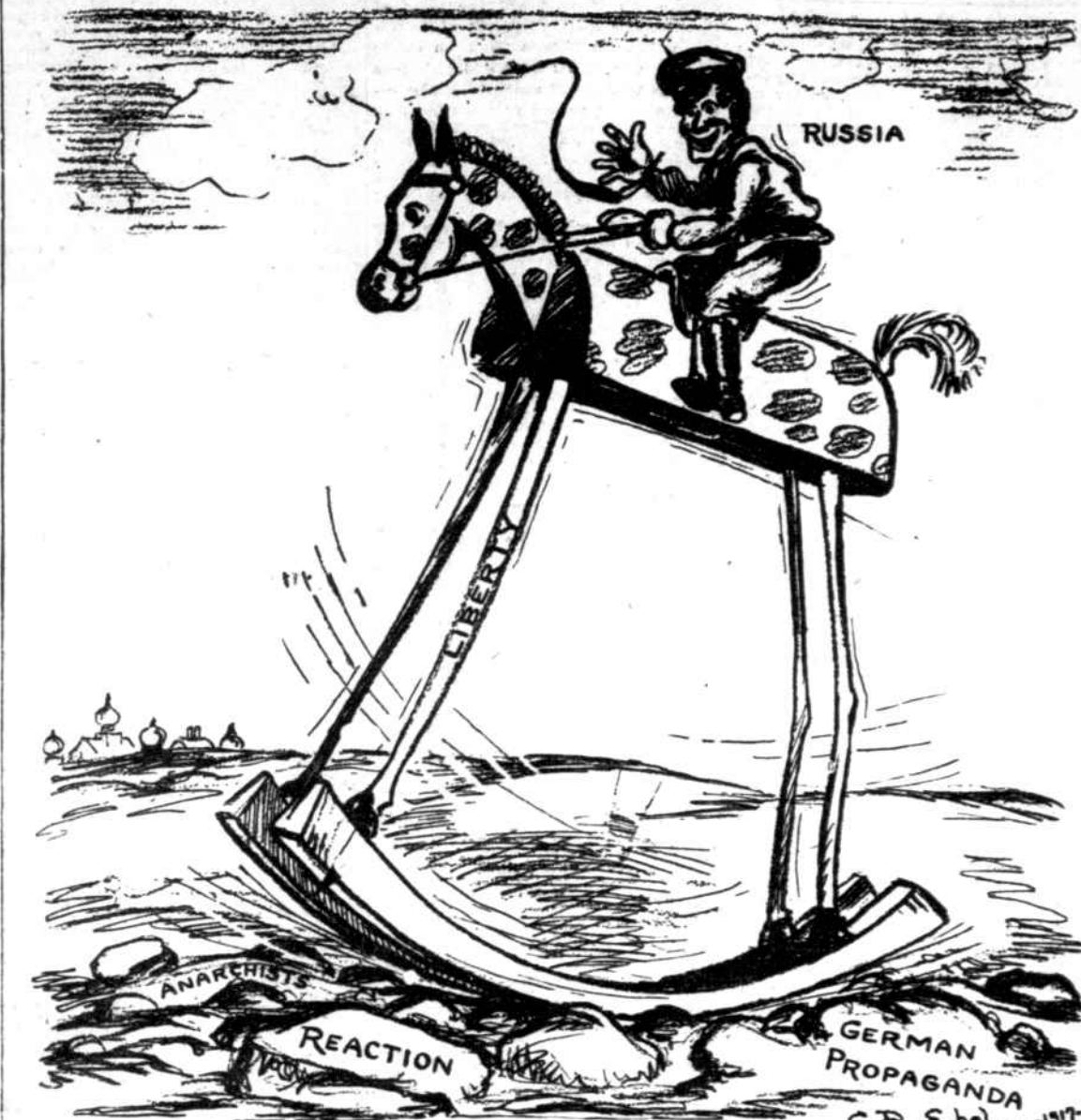
Marquette, Mich., May 10.—Starvation faces the eighteen members of the crew of the Munising, a vessel belonging to the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company, which has been marooned in the ice floes near here for a week.

The men are said to have had no food for three days and escape is impossible on account of the thinness of the ice. The steamer J. H. Bartow, of the same fleet, is in trouble one mile north of Granite Island.

## Bigger England Is Aim Of Britain's Premier

London, May 10.—A bigger and greater England after the war is the aim of Premier Lloyd George. Not in a territorial sense, but in the way of spiritual endeavor, national prestige, and power.

"Don't always be thinking of getting back to where you were before the war," the premier told a deputation from the labor party. "Get the idea of a really new world."



HAVE A CARE, YOUNG RUSSIA!

## America Spurns Idea U. S. "Food Dictator" Of Separate Peace Proposed by Wilson

Even Should Germany Withdraw U-Boats, U. S. Would Not Act Without Consent of Allies.

The United States will not conclude a separate peace with Germany. Even should the Berlin government offer terms acceptable to this country, there will be no action unless taken jointly with the European allies.

This definition of American policy was given at the State Department yesterday afternoon as a result of widespread rumors during the last few days that Germany contemplated a proposition to this country. Cable dispatches from Europe yesterday afternoon further indicated that the imperial government was about to make another statement of terms.

Even should Germany withdraw every U-boat she has from the ocean, it would not lead this nation to listen to her peace proposals now.

The question is graver and deeper, and the department would not make known the terms it has in mind as to what peace must be when it comes. It is known, however, that the aims and purposes of the administration are drafted on the lines laid down by President Wilson in his address to Congress.

The extension of democratic government and guarantees under which smaller nations shall be safe form the keystone of this position.

The government's determination not to conclude a separate peace has been buttressed as a result of the conferences here with the French and British missions. It was indicated in official circles.

This does not mean, however, that the administration contemplates making this nation a signatory to the joint agreement binding the allies to a peace for all or peace for none policy.

## QUITS PULPIT AND WIFE FOR 'COMMON-LAW LOVE'

Pastor Elopes and Works as Laborer While Affinity Toils as Domestic.

(By the International News Service.) Denver, Colo., May 10.—A "common-law love" so great that it impelled Rev. Charles Huffman to forsake his Ohio pulpit and work as a laborer while his affinity labored as a domestic was shattered by the police here today.

Huffman and the girl, Miss Gladys Marie Overland, who was one of his parishioners at East Palestine, Ohio, were both arrested on statutory charges. Huffman is a graduate of Buchtel College at Akron, Ohio, and was pastor of the United Brethren in Christ Church.

East Palestine, Ohio, May 10.—Rev. Charles Huffman and Miss Gladys Overland, both of whom were arrested in Denver today, disappeared here about four weeks ago. According to the police, the minister has a wife from whom he is not divorced.

They claim that Huffman met the girl at Pittsburgh, and that they traded the couple to Columbus, Ohio, St. Louis, and then to Denver.

## SINN FEINER IN PARLIAMENT

London, May 10.—The first Sinn Feiner ever to be elected to parliament has just been chosen for that office. He is James McGuinness, of the Southern Division of Longford County.

825.70 to St. Louis, Mo., and Return. Baltimore and Ohio, May 14 to 16, valid returning under 23d. Three through trains at convenient hours.

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## No Army, Teddy, But—Baker Says You're Nice

Although the War Department fought Col. Roosevelt's plan to raise a volunteer army of 100,000, here is what Secretary Baker thinks of the Colonel, as he expressed by him yesterday.

"Col. Roosevelt can render very valuable service. He is constantly rendering very valuable service."

Mr. Baker refused to comment on suggestion that the Colonel be offered a commission in the new army or a post where his energies could be employed for the government in the war.

## TEDDY QUILTS ARMY LEAGUE

Resigns Because Organization Opposes His Army—Leiter Sends Hot Reply.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt yesterday resigned as honorary vice president of the Army League because the officials of that organization opposed the Harding amendment to the administration conscription bill, which would have allowed the Colonel to raise a division for service in France.

In a letter to Joseph Leiter, president of the Army League, the Colonel charged that Leiter by opposing the Harding amendment was "using the Army League to the detriment of the army and to the detriment of the United States."

Referring to Senator Stone's speech against the amendment, the Colonel said: "So far as the opposition is not due to mere puzzle-headedness, it can only be due to politics, and politics of a very unwise and improper kind."

Mr. Leiter, in a reply to the Colonel, declared: "The early disasters of the civil war came from those who had received military rank as a result of possessing the political influence to put them in command for war when they were not fitted."

Let us hope that in this war this can be avoided. Do your part to this end. Make a sacrifice of your personal ambitions on the altar of efficiency."

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## President Would Appoint an "Emergency Agent" to Regulate and Control the Situation

President Wilson will appoint a food "dictator" to be known as an Emergency Agent. His intentions became known this afternoon after Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Chairman Lever, of the House Committee on Agriculture, had been called to the White House for a conference the purpose of which was to discuss the speeding up of pending food legislation.

"The President is very anxious for early action on the bills which will confer on him powers to regulate and control the food situation," said Secretary Houston.

"He feels the great urgency because activities which would aid not only the United States, but our allies are being held up indefinitely."

"As I understand it, President Wilson intends to name an executive agent, who will have the advice of the men in producing, distributing, and commercial circles best qualified to give suggestions."

Representative Lever emphasized the President's desire for speedy action on the food bills, saying that the delay was doing great harm to the United States and the entente allies.

"The question of whether the men who fight our battles shall not be older than 25," he declared, "is not so important as conserving the food supply. Our fighting men and their brothers in arms abroad must be fed, and to feed them the United States must act."

Asked about reports that a powerful lobby, representing the distilling and brewing interests, the millers, the breakfast food manufacturers, and others affected by the pending food bills are at work here, Chairman Lever replied:

"I have heard such reports. From what I know and have heard it would not surprise me if they were true."

## Chicago Tribune to Raise Price to Two Cents a Copy

Chicago, Ill., May 10.—The Chicago Tribune announced today that on May 14 its price would be raised from 1 to 2 cents. "The Examiner and Herald and the American have made similar announcements."

## KEEP BELGIUM, TEUTONIC CRY

Germans Determined to Annex Territory as War Prize, United States Hears.

Germany is determined to annex Belgium as a war prize. This information reached the State Department yesterday through unofficial sources. The department made public excerpts from the minutes of the Imperial Diet of May 3, when the future of Belgium was discussed.

While the plan of the German government was made plain, there is said to be some opposition to it among the Social Democrats. At the meeting of the diet, the State Department telegram says, "It was stated that the annexation of Belgium could be considered as an accomplished fact and that a half sovereign Belgium would only be a constant war threat."

"Belgium, it was stated," the dispatch goes on, "must be divided for political and administrative purposes into Flanders and the Walloon district, with one governor general at the head."

The minutes quote one of the speakers as saying: "In this war of starvation any exaggerated regard for the inhabitants of occupied countries would be a hardship for our own people. Workers who are employed in Belgium must be employed elsewhere. The occupied territories, which are not so much smaller than Germany, have really done very little toward feeding our army."

Opposition to the annexation of Belgium was expressed by a Social Democrat who declared that Belgium must be left free to have the government she wishes. To proclaim a kingdom of Flanders, he said, only a minority of the Flemish demanded it, would be entirely wrong, he said.

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## U. S. Loan to England Will Last Seven Days

Although the United States already has lent England the gigantic sum of \$250,000,000, that is less than enough to carry on England's part in the war for seven days.

In moving the new vote of credit in commons, the British chancellor said that the daily cost of carrying on the war has reached the staggering amount of \$7,500,000, including England's expenses of every sort.

## MERCHANT PARTY TO BOOST CORPS

Business Men Will Stimulate Marine Enlistments Down the Potomac.

Washington, alive with war talk and breathing war atmosphere, will have its martial spirit further stirred when the Retail Merchants Association joins in the demonstration on May 26, the big day for the Washington merchants.

Arrangements for the recruiting trip down the Potomac on the steamer St. Johns are nearing completion and the special committee in charge of the demonstration yesterday completed details of the demonstration that will make the "booster recruiting" trip memorable.

The school children of the District will take part in the preliminary celebration in Washington, by singing patriotic airs, accompanied by the Marine Band, at the Ellipse. R. P. Andrews, Joseph Berberick and Frank V. Killian are in charge of the event, with Charles J. Columbus as secretary.

More than 100 prominent business men of the District will march in the parade which probably will be reviewed by President Wilson and Secretary of War Baker.

The object of the effort is to awaken patriotism and to procure recruits for the Marine Corps. To that end, a fully equipped recruiting party of the Marine Corps will be on board the steamer.

Recruit Ball on Steamer.

There will be a recruit ball held on board the St. Johns at Leonardtown, Md., tomorrow night, starting at 9 o'clock and continuing until 11:30, and to which all of the people of southern Maryland are being invited through posters distributed in the district.

The Marine Band will furnish the music for this ball, as well as for the recruit rallies to be held at this and every other stop to be made along the shores of the lower Potomac in 10th Maryland and Virginia. Able speakers from the Marine Corps will address the people as to the history of the corps, its brilliant achievement during the past 75 years, and the advantages to accrue to those who serve their country in the ranks during the present war.

The surgeon of the recruiting party will examine all applicants for enlistment, and those physically and otherwise acceptable will be able to return to Washington on the St. Johns, where their enrollment in the corps will be completed. It is expected that several soldiers of the allies of the United States now in the country and fresh from the trenches of France, will make the trip and give a graphic description of the battle that has been entered upon for the perpetuation of all that Americans hold dear.

Great Opportunity Afforded.

No such opportunity has ever been given the people of Southern Maryland and Virginia to get in touch with the world war. Text and posters covering the trip are being sent to the newspapers and postmasters of Southern Maryland and Virginia.

This patriotic demonstration, being conducted under the auspices of the Retail Merchants Association, is expected to prove one of the most spectacular and helpful undertakings of this organization.

Business has been barred entirely from the matter. The energy of every one in the party will be devoted to securing recruits and, as an incentive, Frank V. Killian, vice president, has offered a prize of \$25 to the merchant participant in the trip who secures the greatest number of recruits. The party will return to Washington Sunday at 12 o'clock.

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## WOMAN ACCUSES GERMAN OF FLOOD DESERATION

Paul Wagner, aged 33, a German who, the police say, has taken out his first papers for citizenship, was last night arrested by Detective Sergt. O'Brien, of headquarters, charged with desertion of the American flag.

Asked if he was a naturalized citizen of the United States, Wagner, who speaks very broken English, said he would tell that in court.

Wagner was arrested in his home, 1113-2 Sixth street northeast, on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. E. R. Hulme, wife of Elbert William Hulme, electrician, first class, United States navy, serving aboard the U. S. S. Mayflower.

The warrant charges that Wagner, who is employed as a bartender in a downtown saloon, tore down a flag in her apartment, which is also tenanted by him. She told the police that Wagner tore down the flag, cursed it and struck her with the flagstaff.

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## ITALIAN ENVOYS REACH NEW YORK; SIX IN MISSION

Enrico Arlotta, Minister of Marine in Cabinet, Heads Delegation.

### ARRIVED ON WEDNESDAY

Will Remain in Gotham for Few Days Before Coming to Washington to Confer with Officials.

(By the International News Service.) New York, May 10.—Italy's war mission to the United States slipped into New York unheralded and almost unnoticed aboard a passenger steamship last night. The six commissioners are stopping at the Waldorf Astoria for a few days before going to Washington to confer with administration officials and to tell them for what Italy looks to her new ally, America, in fighting the central powers.

Enrico Arlotta, minister of the marine and railway transportation in the Italian cabinet, heads the war mission. The other members are Gen. Gugliemotti, military attaché; Commander Vannucci, representing the navy; Alvisi Bragadini, of the transportation department; G. Pardo, of the Department of Industry and Commerce; and Gaetano Pietra, of the Agricultural Department.

Lack of Tonnage.

"Lack of tonnage is one of the most serious problems confronting Italy," as well as the other allies," said Minister Arlotta. "Ships are one of the most pressing needs. I cannot for the present discuss the submarine situation in the Mediterranean, but I can say that we fully rely on the industrial power of the United States to develop a means of overcoming the situation and to deal effectively with the question of food and other supplies."

"The entrance of the United States into the war is looked upon in Italy with the greatest gratification, more especially because of the moral value of the act. It is in itself the best proof that we are fighting on the side of justice and liberty."

Arlotta is one of the most prominent bankers in Italy. He is a Liberal and has been in the Italian Parliament for twenty years.

## GOMPERS HITS PEACE SCHEME

Rebukes "Conference for Democracy" as a Group of "Agents of the Kaiser."

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, late yesterday sharply rebuked the American Conference for Democracy, which is planned to be held in New York on May 20. The conference will urge a "speedy and universal peace."

In answer to a telegram asking that he permit his name to be used in connection with the conference, Mr. Gompers telegraphed the organization committee that: "I prefer not to ally myself with the conscious or unconscious agents of the Kaiser in America."

The telegram asking for Gompers' assistance in making the conference a success, follows:

"Strong group representing labor, Socialism, peace, religion, politics plans first American conference for Democracy and terms of peace in New York May 20. The basis of invitation is to be acceptance in principle of the following:

"Speedy and universal peace, no indemnities, no forcible annexations, no forcible alliances, or international organization after the war, statement of terms by our government, opposition to conscription, democratization of diplomacy, defense of free speech and press, opposition to lowering industrial standards, heavy taxation of war industries and incomes. May we use your name on call for conference?"

The telegram was signed by Emily Balch, Joseph Cannon, Morris Hilquit, Judah Magnes, and Louis Lochner.

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